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Human Rights Agency Seeks Stories of Discrimination

(Clinton, TN-April 2010) The Tennessee Human Rights Commission (THRC) will hold a listening session in Clinton, Tennessee inviting citizens from surrounding areas to express concerns of discrimination happening in their communities. THRC has partnered with the Green McAdoo Cultural Center to hold the forum at its meeting facilities at 101 School Street in Clinton, Tennessee. The session will start at 5 p.m. on Thursday, May 6, 2010.

The purpose of the THRC is to prevent, identify and eliminate discrimination throughout the state in the areas of housing, employment and public accommodations. Its responsibilities include encouraging, promoting and developing fair and equal treatment and opportunity for all persons regardless of race, color, creed, national origin, familial status, age or disability. In 2009, during a meeting of the THRC board of 15 commissioners, it was decided that the commission would take a more proactive role in its outreach to the communities of Tennessee by venturing into cities and neighborhoods to hear first-hand about problems with discrimination experienced by residents.

Session participants will have an opportunity to speak to the commission about personal experiences, ask questions and even submit a formal complaint when applicable. The commission urges those who feel that have been discriminated against when attempting to secure housing, on the job or at a business that offers services to the public, to be a part of this event that is free and open to the public. Participants are asked to R.S.V.P. for this event at the commission's website, www.tn.gov/humanrights or by phone at 1-800-251-3589 to secure their place at the event.

For more details about this event, please contact Bobbie Porter at 615-253-1608.

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